

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

Day's News Happenings in Rock Island's Sister City

NO FRANCHISE TO HOME AUTOMATIC

East Moline City Council Finally Turns Down Application of Company.

STICKS FOR \$2,000 BONUS

Commercial Club Declining to Take Responsibility, Council Acts on Own Initiative.

Hope of securing a franchise in East Moline was lost to the Tri-City Home Automatic Telephone company last evening when the city council voted to table the application for rights in the city. Officers of the company had stated that unless favorable action was taken last evening they would withdraw from the field, intimating that the city would be the loser thereby. Accepting the challenge, the council stood pat on its demand for \$2,000 as a bonus, which the company refused to give.

There was no division of sentiment in the council. A few weeks ago that body put the telephone question up to the Commercial club, which at its last meeting declined to accept responsibility, one way or the other. Left to choose its own course, the council turned the company down, apparently settling the question definitely.

TO NUMBER HOUSES.

A Davenport concern was given the contract for the numbering of East Moline houses preparatory to the inauguration of free delivery of mail. These numbers will cost property owners 25 cents each. The city has received 500 metal street signs, which will be put in place this fall.

Cottage Grove avenue residents, through H. J. Best, presented petition for lights at intersection of Seventh street to the river road. A petition was presented by property owners on Fifth and Sixth streets between Seventeenth avenue and the bluff road for the paving of the alley back of their premises, and George W. Ross petitioned for permission to pave the alley between Sixth and Seventh streets between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues. The last petition was granted.

John Purdy, who has been acting as fire marshal, was given that position permanently.

Alderman Van Quathan was named as member of the finance committee in place of Alderman Grant Fair, resigned, and of the latter's place on the streets, alleys and grounds committee.

POPULATION HAS DOUBLED IN YEAR

Fairview School District Shows Effects of Growth in the Southeast Suburb.

With the number of children enrolled in the Fairview school twice as great as a year ago, it is fair to presume that the population in the district, which lies east of Twenty-seventh street and south of Coloma avenue, has also doubled. A year ago there were 60 pupils attending the

school. Now there are 119. So crowded is the school that a third teacher has been added and two teachers are compelled to hold classes in one room, the building having two rooms. During the summer a new two-story four-room school was started and it is expected that this will be ready about Nov. 1. Then room for the pupils will be adequate for a time, at least. The new school is of brick. Until this year two teachers have been able to do the work, but this fall a third was decided to be necessary and Miss Edith Swanson of Moline was engaged.

CITY REPORTS SUBMITTED AT COMMISSION MEETING

Among city reports submitted to the commission at its meeting yesterday was that of Chief of Police O. M. Blunt, who showed that 125 arrests had been made during September, 90 being city cases and 35 state. Sixty-six calls for the ambulance were answered and 51 for the police ambulance. Thirty-four tramps were lodged.

The report of the police matron, Mrs. Rose Salisbury, showed she had received 72 calls and made 60 calls. There were seven wayward girls and two boys handled. One girl was declared delinquent and sent to the Geneva school and one was sent to the county farm. Three children were placed in Bethany home and two abducted from there were returned. One girl was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd.

At the City hospital were 42 patients on the first of the month. Ninety-one were received in September and 113 discharged. Receipts for the month were \$3,554.35 and expenditures \$16,757.22.

PAINTING TOWN; FINED

S. E. Anderson Was Doing It With Brush and Real Mixture.

S. E. Anderson, picture operator at the Barrymore theatre, was arrested yesterday and fined \$5 for literally "painting the town." The painting was done on the sidewalks and its object was to advertise the theatre at which Mr. Anderson is employed. A number of sidewalk decorations had been inscribed before a policeman noticed what he was doing and interrupted his labors.

ALEDO GAME SATURDAY LAST FOR THREE WEEKS

New plays are being tried out by the Moline high school football team in preparation for the game with the Aledo high school here next Saturday. It is believed that Aledo will put up a good argument and the managers of the maroon and white intend to take no chances. They will require every member of the squad to be in uniform ready to go into the game any time it needed. Saturday's game will be the last one here for three weeks.

Woman in Trouble.

Ed Dunavin and Maude Adams are in trouble. They were held to the grand jury this morning by Police Magistrate Gustafson for adultery. Last evening the Adams woman was picked up at Fourteenth-and-one-half street and Eighteenth avenue in company with Fremont Peterson. The charge of disorderly conduct was preferred and the man was fined \$1 and costs. Then it was learned that the woman had been living with Dunavin at 1704 Fifteenth street and he was also arrested and both held to the grand jury.

EXECUTE A COUP FOR A NEW LODGE

East Moline Masons, Failing to Get Silvis' Consent, Go to Coal Valley.

ARE SUCCESSFUL THERE

Special Dispensation to Be Asked Permitting Forming of Organization This Week.

Silvis Masons will not be able longer to prevent the forming of a lodge in East Moline if the alert members of the fraternity in the latter city can help it. Postmaster Frank Clendenin left this morning to endeavor to secure a special dispensation from the grand lodge to permit of the holding of a meeting Friday night for the purpose of instituting a new lodge.

Mr. Clendenin and others put over what they consider a coup last night. To form a new lodge it is necessary to secure consent of three nearby lodges. Moline and Coloma Masons had waived objection, but no action had been taken by the Silvis lodge. Last night there should have been a meeting at Silvis, at which the necessary permission would be voted, it was expected. East Moline Masons were on hand to press their request, but there was no meeting, no notices having been sent out, it was claimed.

Not to be thus balked in their efforts to secure early action Mr. Clendenin and others secured an automobile and hurried on to lay their case before the Coal Valley lodge, which was in session. Coal Valley Masons readily gave their consent, thereby fulfilling, it is believed, the terms required for the forming of the East Moline lodge.

Masons of East Moline to the number of 40 met last week and effected temporary organization, electing officers, but that is as far as they can go till the grand lodge takes favorable action.

TAYLOR SPEAKER AT MERCHANTS' BANQUET

Dr. W. E. Taylor has been chosen as the speaker for the annual banquet of the Retail Merchants' association, which will be held at the Commercial club Oct. 23. It is expected that between 200 and 300 members will attend the function.

TRI-CITY SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB MEETING IS OCT. 18

October 18 is the date of the first fall meeting of the Tri-City Schoolmasters' club. C. H. Maxson, superintendent of city schools and president of the organization, will within a few days, name the committee to arrange for the meeting and this will decide on the place and arrange the program. Officers will be elected at the October meeting.

GOES TO CONVENTION TO STUDY SEWAGE DISPOSAL

City Engineer Lyle Payton is in Wilmington, Del., attending the 20th convention of the American Society of Municipal Improvement, which convened today. Commissioner Clark

Anderson was also appointed to go to the convention, but was unable to do so. Chief interest in the proceedings centers in the discussion of the problem of sewage disposal which will be a feature of the convention.

SWEDISH OLIVE LODGE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Swedish Olive lodge No. 553, I. O. O. F., last evening installed officers. A number of applications for membership were received. Following are the new officers:

Noble Grand—John F. Rose.
Vice Grand—Erick Erickson.
Recording Secretary—Axel Swanson.

Appointive officers named by the noble grand were as follows:

Right Supporter of the Noble Grand—George Johnson.
Left Supporter of the Noble Grand—Carl Anderson.
Warden—William Ede.
Conductor—Albert Anderson.
Outside Guard—Clarence Whalstrom.

Inside Guard—Louis Larson.
Chaplain—Clark Nelson.
Right Scene Supporter—John Gustafson.

Left Scene Supporter—Carl Malmen.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PLAN ADOPTION OF A BIG CLASS

St. George lodge No. 28, Knights of Pythias, initiated two candidates and approved of a number of others at its meeting last night. A large class will be adopted Oct. 20. Emil Danielson will represent the lodge as delegate to the state convention at Decatur two weeks hence. A number of other members will also attend.

Once Worked Here.

Moline claims an interest in Van Doozer, recently pronounced the greatest football player ever turned out by Northwestern university. Colonel Hjalmar Kohler, dean of the high school athletes, recalls that Van Doozer assisted C. E. Dietz as coach of the local high school team in getting ready for the Englewood game in 1904.

EAST MOLINE DID WELL

Furnished \$73.84 of Tag Day Fund Credited to Moline.

East Moline furnished its fair proportion of the funds gathered by tag sales Saturday for Bethany home. When returns are finally checked up it will be found that the young city to the east raised \$73.84. Fifteen women and girls there worked all day selling tags and with good results.

Directory Brings Kick.

Complaint that the city directory does not now come up to modern needs was made to the city commission at its meeting yesterday. Several who expressed themselves stated that it takes too long to get out the book and that by the time it is issued there are many changes. The commission was asked to take steps, if possible, to have a directory published oftener than is now done.

NAMED IT RAVENNA.

Just When the Ohio Town Was Going to Be Called Tappan.

Shortly after the Revolution Benjamin Tappan, son of a wealthy Boston merchant and the original owner of what is now Portage county, O., entered his father's tract in the west and spent the winter there. Other settlers joined him, and a settlement was begun, which had the dignity of a town at a time when a single log cabin at each place marked the present sites of the cities of Cleveland and Buffalo. The place was one of singular natural beauty, and the question of a name soon arose.

Now, it happened that at this time a younger brother of Benjamin Tappan's and his wife were in Italy and came upon the old town of Ravenna. Delighted with the place, the young bride expressed to her husband the wish that somewhere in the new world there might arise a town worthy to bear the name of the wonderful old Italian city.

The husband immediately thought of his brother in the Ohio wilds and at once dispatched a letter in which he pictured the beauties of the Italian city and expressed the wish that the town then arising in the wilderness be named in its honor.

Many months later Benjamin Tappan, despairing of finding a suitable name for the town, was about to yield to the wishes of his neighbors and bestow the name of Tappan upon it when the letter arrived. So, instead of Tappan, the town was named Ravenna, which name it still proudly bears.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Two Meal Animal.

Breakfast with bacon (or meat) is a latter day invention, it should be recalled. Down to almost modern times man was a two meal a day animal—dinner and supper. A fifteenth century proverb bade him rise at 5 a. m., dine at 9 a. m., sup at 5 p. m., go to bed at 9 p. m., "and thou shalt be ninety and nine." The Oxford Dictionary, indeed, gives 1463 as the date of the first mention of "breakfast." For centuries afterward it meant only the morning drink of ale, with or without a bit of bread. Everybody then set about his work fasting.—London Spectator.

Southampton—A sentence of 21 days at hard labor was pronounced on Harry Kemp, the American verse writer, who was charged with stowing himself away on board the steamship Oceanic on its last voyage from New York.

BANQUET MARKS SEASON'S START

Athletic Work to Be Regularly Taken Up at Y. M. C. A. Today.

LEADERS ENJOY A FEAST

Hear F. C. Terry, Assistant Secretary of the Brooklyn Central Association.

Preliminary to the opening of the physical department of the Y. M. C. A., 50 leaders in the work enjoyed a banquet at the association house last evening. There was a good deal of enthusiasm manifested. R. B. Laurie, as chairman of the physical department committee, presided and after the dinner introduced the speakers.

F. C. Terry, assistant physical director of the Brooklyn Central Y. M. C. A., was first speaker. He gave his impressions of the three cities, having been here for the last two months. At times, he said, he has thought he was back in New York city, so quick have the people here been in the adoption of metropolitan ways. The spirit of the west appeals to him, he said.

The Brooklyn association has 2,800 members, of which 1,500 are enrolled in the physical department. Soccer and indoor hockey are favored there, the latter being preferred to indoor baseball. Giving of prizes is discouraged, it being generally felt that sport for sport's sake should be the aim of the association, rather than to connect sport with other considerations in the minds of members.

SHOULD GET MONEY'S WORTH.

Mr. Laurie declared that members of the Moline association have not heretofore availed themselves of all the privileges that are open to them. He urged them to make an effort to get more of what the association has to offer.

General Secretary O. E. McLaughlin and F. E. Pierson, physical secretary, spoke of the work of the association.

The athletic season opens this afternoon, the first class to meet being that of the business men, who assemble at 5:15. Activities in the department for the year include league basketball and indoor baseball, volley ball, boxing, wrestling, squash, athletic meets, calisthenics, and health league.

POLICE SHOW SPENCER AS DREAM FIEND.

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his recital of crime and clear up many perplexing points.

Telegrams from the police of other cities were necessarily only preliminary. In fact, the efforts of the police seemed to lead them, not to the solution of mysteries, but into a maze of crime through which there were few clues to lead them.

HOW MURDER LIST CHECKS.

The result of this work yesterday, set off against the stories told by Spencer, is as follows:

Spencer declares he robbed and murdered two girls last August at Paw Paw Lake, Mich.; got \$700 worth of diamonds from one.

Officials at Paw Paw Lake, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and South Haven, Mich., wired the police that there was no record of the murders and that the only thing that indicated a crime mystery was the finding of a woman's foot on the beach near St. Joseph.

Spencer told of robbing and murdering a woman with a hammer at Belle Isle, between Detroit, Mich., and Walkerville, Ont.

Police officials of Detroit and Walkerville reported by wire that they never had heard of any such murder, but the Chicago police say that this does not disprove Spencer's story.

Spencer told of killing a woman "near the county hospital," using a hammer.

Police records show that Mrs. Annabelle Wight was attacked by a man with a hammer, Dec. 4, 1912, robbed and died in the county hospital in July, 1913. Spencer said he got \$400 and two diamond rings from the murdered woman. Police records show only \$50 and two diamond rings were taken.

DENIES THOMPSON SLAYING.

Spencer told of robbing and murdering a former wife near Ossining, N. Y. No word from there has been received.

Spencer told of killing Fannie Thompson, Jan. 1, 1908, a crime for which Luman C. Mann afterward was tried and acquitted.

Later he denied any knowledge of the crime, but said that he had been a witness for Mann and that the woman he was talking about was a "Mrs. Tomlinson."

Spencer told of killing Policemen Pennell and Devine at West Congress.

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street and South Ashland avenue in August, 1902.

Penitentiary records show that at the time the crime was committed he was a prisoner and Spencer later denied that he had killed the policeman. He said the crime had been committed by a relative, that the relative was a "good fellow," and that he was "willing to swing for him to get out of a hole."

Spencer told of luring a man from the Illinois Central station to Washington or Jackson Park, shooting him and throwing his body into a lagoon. No police record of the crime could be found.

FIND NO CRIME RECORDS.

He confessed killing two women at Delavan Lake, Wis. One, he said, was the wife of an "auditor" of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, who lived in Minneapolis.

Authorities at Delavan Lake wired that no crime had been committed there, and Minneapolis police and railroad men knew of no missing wife of a St. Paul railroad official.

Spencer said he had killed a woman in the Lyons hotel, at 211 North Clark street, in August. Police records show that the woman tried to commit suicide and later was revived and sent to her home in Ohio.

He told of the killing of two men near Zion City, in company with Peter Neidermeyer, the "car barn bandit," who later was hanged. No record of the crime could be found last night.

Spencer asserted that he had killed an unidentified man in Fox Lake, Ill. No such crime is recorded, but evidence that Spencer had worked there was found.

He told of killing an unidentified man at East Forty-second street and Indiana avenue within the last month. No record of such a crime has been discovered.

PARTIAL PROOF ON CRIME.

He told of killing a man, his wife and two children and setting fire to their house in Wicker Park. Police records show that a house was set on fire and that a man, his wife and two children were rescued by firemen.

Spencer told of killing his first wife, "Nellie," a "maid of Helen Gould," at Fort Montgomery, N. Y. Police there wired that the crime had never been heard of.

With the murder of Mrs. Rexroat added, the list reaches a total of 21 persons killed, according to Spencer in his confession.

The murders of Mrs. Rexroat and Mrs. Wight, the latter the woman killed "near the county hospital," are the only ones which have been authenticated as possible crimes of Spencer.

SHOOK OFF DEATH.

Ordeal Through Which Archdeacon Stuck Once Passed.

Archdeacon Stuck, who climbed Mount McKinley, the great American peak, once had his life saved in a most extraordinary way.

Late one evening, while exploring in the arctic regions, he was unlucky enough to fall through the ice into the water on his way back to camp. He

was accompanied by an Eskimo boy in charge of a sledge and a team of dogs, and the boy soon had him out again, but as the thermometer was then about 70 degrees below zero the possibility of saving his life seemed very remote. He was wet through, of course, and before a fire could have been got well alight the chances were that he would have frozen to death.

The resourceful boy thought of a better plan than that. The explorer was already scarcely able to move, but the boy took one of the dogs out of the traces and forced the archdeacon to take its place. Then he lashed the unfortunate man's legs until he was compelled to run, applying his whip mercilessly every time the archdeacon showed signs of flagging.

In this way the boy kept him moving rapidly toward their camp, and by the time they reached the terrible laager of death that had threatened to overcome the archdeacon had been shaken off.—Pearson's Weekly.

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